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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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INFO USMISSION BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 1778

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, GE, CH, PL, UR

SUBJ: EAST GERMAN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, POLISH AND

SOVIET EMBASSIES IN TANANARIVE; GOMR EMBASSIES IN

PEKING AND MOSCOW.

1. MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA ANNOUNCED IN AIRPORT  
PRESS INTERVIEW DEC 18, THAT PRC AND USSR WOULD BOTH OPEN  
EMBASSIES IN TANANARIVE IN 1974. GDR EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT  
UNTIL 1975 SINCE EAST GERMANS HAD NOT INCLUDED IN 1974 BUDGET.  
NO SPECIFICS PROVIDED ON DATE FOR POLISH EMBASSY.

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2. DURING DEC 19 MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH TO NEW NATIONAL  
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT

GOMR WOULD BE OPENING EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW AND PEKING "AT OPPORTUNE TIME."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS HAD STRONG INDICATIONS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS THAT PRC WOULD OPEN EMBASSY TANANARIVE, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS THIS YEAR BUT PROBABLY SOME TIME IN 1974. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE RECEIVED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS MAY BE OPENING MISSION. DIP RELATIONS BOTH COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED LATE 1972 AS PART OF THEN NEW GOVT'S OMNIDIRECTIONAL FOREIGN POLICY. ON BASIS PREVIOUS FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATIONS THAT MALAGASY BUDGET COULD NOT SUPPORT EMBASSIES IN PEKING AND MOSCOW IN ADDITION TO OTHERS, WE DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT GOMR WILL BE IN RUSH TO PEN EMBASSIES THERE.

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